

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**Docket No.  
112843-031

In Re Application Of: Reniero et al.



Application No. 09/936,543	Filing Date January 7, 2002	Examiner D. Ware	Customer No. 29174	Group Art Unit 1651	Confirmation No. 7133
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Invention: LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENING DIARRHOEA

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 6, 2004 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

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*Date*    *Date*

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TOTAL CLAIMS	15 -	23 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	6 -	6 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$420.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$420.00</b>

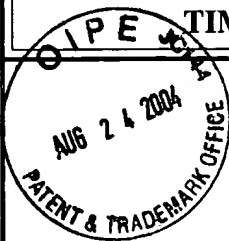
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.